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SUBJECT: US ARMS SUPPLY POLICY: INDIAN REACTION

1. WITH SUCH SHORT NOTICE THAT EVEN THE SPEAKER WAS TAKEN BY SURPRISE, MRS. GANDHI RESPONDED IN THE LOK SABHA TODAY TO CRITICISMS OF THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE TO PARLIAMENT LAST WEEK. AS WITH HER COMMENTS TO THE RAJYA SABHA YESTERDAY, THE OVERWHELMING PROPORTION WERE ON DOMESTIC AFFAIRS. INITIAL PRESS REPORTS STATE THAT HER ONLY COMMENT ON US ARMS SUPPLY POLICY WAS THAT IT HAD CAUSED "DEEP ANXIETY" AND CALLED FOR VIGILANCE AND PREPAREDNESS OF INDIA'S PART. THERE WERE NO TWO VOICES IN THE COUNTRY ON THE ISSUE SINCE INDIA HAD BEEN THE VICTIM OF PAKISTAN'S "BELLIGERANCE TIME AND AGAIN." THE ARMS BUILDUP AND MILITARIZATION OF THE WHOLE REGION AND THE INCREASE OF TENSIONS IN THE INDIAN OCEAN REGION WERE CAUSE FOR DEEP ANXIETY, SHE SAID.

2. WE HAVE NO FEED-BACK THUS FAR ON THE "NATIONAL SEMINAR" HELD PRIVATELY IN PARLIAMENT TODAY. JAYAPRAKASH NARAYAN SENT A MESSAGE TO THE SEMINAR, HOWEVER, STRONGLY ATTACKING US

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